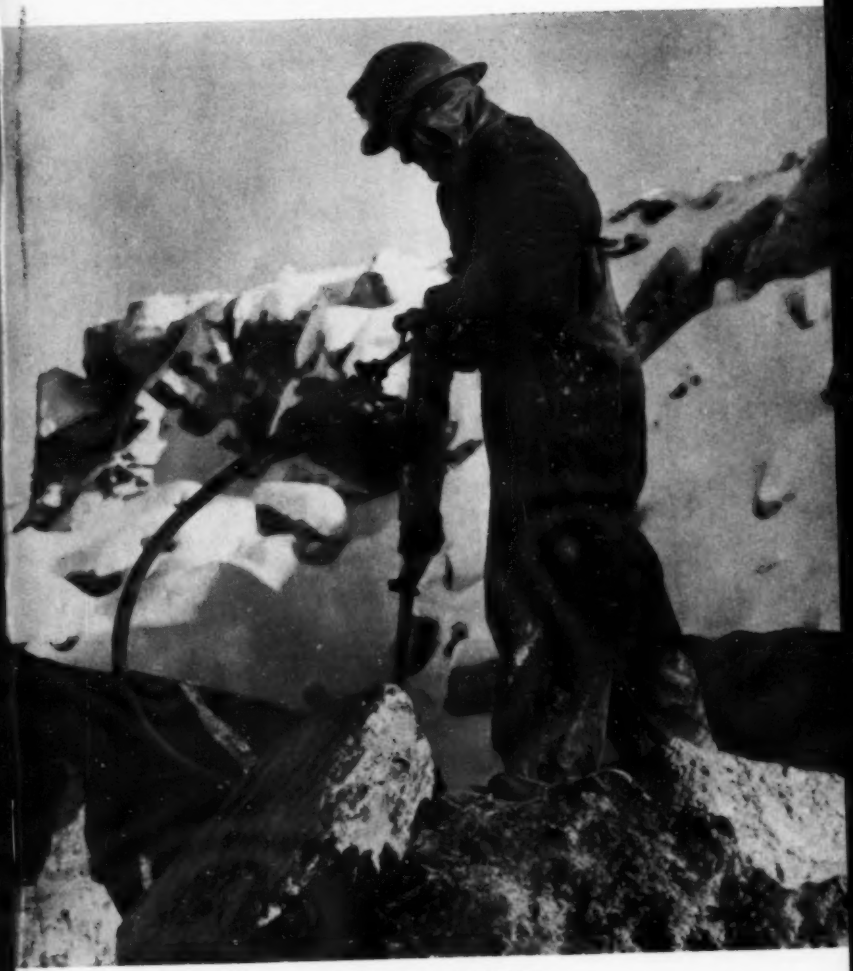
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## ASBESTOS AND ITS ASSOCIATED MINERALS

By W. E. Sinclair, M.I.M.M.

The presence of extraneous minerals or valueless fibres in asbestos ore-bodies suggests a condition synonymous with the common axiom that "one man's meat is another's poison", for, to the asbestos producer, foreign impurities in the fibre are certainly "poison". The adverse affect on the asbestos often means a difficult and costly job to clean up the product to produce acceptable standard grades, in spite of the outstanding advance in milling technique today. The "meaty" part of the matter is that the collection of certain associated minerals often serve as useful clues in establishing structural problems relating to the many variables, common to most asbestos deposits. Mineralogists and geologists make greater use of these clues in determining age, origin and other valuable data regarding the formations. Looking ahead, it is hoped that such clues may also help to solve the puzzle of erratic mineralization and irregular fibre deposition that seems an inherent part of some asbestos deposits. In general, they certainly provide a valuable basis for research into some of the vagaries of asbestos mineralization, many of which continue to prove obstacles to efficient exploratory work, positive development and the economic exploitation of some ore-bodies.

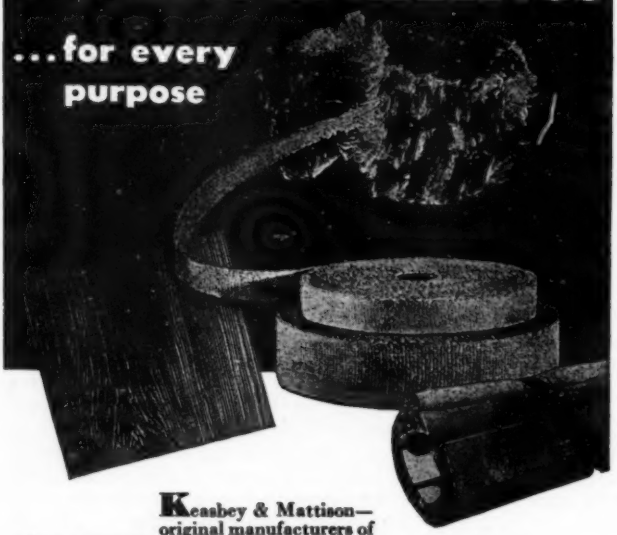
Impurities of a cognate nature, such as, allied minerals or altered asbestos forms occurring in any deposit, naturally vary according to the type and origin of the parent rocks from which they are derived. The associated minerals, as a consequence, cover a wide range and are not all common to every variety or class of asbestos.

Iron, (in the form of magnetite) and talc are perhaps two minerals that are most widely distributed; the former, in nearly all asbestos varieties, more or less, while talc is more commonly found associated with some classes of chrysotile. Talc appears to be a fairly constant constituent of the sedimentary types of chrysotile asbestos and is invariably associated with anthophyllite and tremolite mass-fibre lenticular occurrences.

In these ore-bodies, the removal of talc from the asbestos is invariably troublesome, but magnetite, in

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some chrysotile deposits, is a more serious problem, since it is difficult to eradicate altogether. If the content of iron exceeds 0.75% then the asbestos cannot be used for electrical insulation in any form. However, as the magnetite is combined physically with the fibres, either as black granules or small particles, much can now be removed by devious separation and extraction methods. The work involved in this is clearly another example of an intermediate process, between the mining and final treatment of the fibre, to produce clean standard grades. It is also clearly another significant factor in the final production cost.

In some asbestos varieties, magnetite cannot be successfully removed, especially when it occurs in the high iron amphibole varieties. The mode of deposition and the combination with other associated minerals introduces several complex conditions in these cases.

Another bad mark against magnetite, in asbestos of any variety, is that it often occurs as the finest veinlet running across the asbestos fibre strands at right angles to them, causing a line of weakness that is mainly responsible for the development of the double type of cross-fibre vein. The result of this development is that what might otherwise have been long crude fibres, ends up in two short fibre lengths. This is not an uncommon occurrence in many cross-fibre chrysotile veins.

Brucite is a fairly common mineral associated with chrysotile asbestos in serpentine rocks. It is especially evident in the Canadian ore-bodies in parts of the main Quebec field. In many chrysotile deposits, small quantities (not always easily detected) of chrome, alumina, nickel and manganese may be found. Unfortunately, these minerals, although of economic value in their own spheres, never occur in sufficient quantity to make their separation and extraction payable. Indeed, it is rarely possible to recover the associated minerals, although an exception may be in the case of excesses of calcium carbonate or magnesium carbonate. High percentages of these elements have a direct effect on ignition loss when the fibre is subjected to high temperatures. They also provide a potential source of magnesium metal and magnesium salts. So, even as a foreign impurity their extrac-

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tion, where possible, provides a useful by-product.

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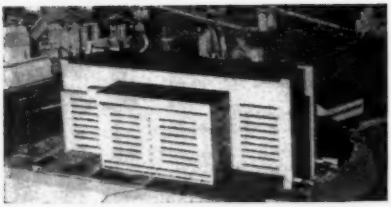
Unlike many metalliferous ore-bodies, where associated minerals are often recovered profitably as by-products, asbestos associated minerals are frankly disappointing because they are never an asset, indeed, they are more often than not, a liability.

Chrysotile asbestos, in some localities, suffers alteration that changes the normally soft flexible fibre to a harsh and brittle texture. The most outstanding and possibly the commonest type in this category is picrolite. Its local name among asbestos miners, is "bastard asbestos", which succinctly describes its low status in their eyes. Because of its brittle and non-fibrous nature it is, of course, of no commercial value and must be removed from the asbestos in some stage of extraction or treatment.

Another mineral derived from certain serpentine formations is antigorite. This occurs in lamellar form as small plates and is very generally found in chrysotile serpentine deposits in Cyprus and California. Both antigorite and picrolite impurities usually occur in regions that have been subjected to structural stress.

In the amphibole asbestos varieties, the associated minerals and altered forms of the fibre are found widely distributed in most deposits of this kind. The more common minerals include iron as magnetite and limonite. There are few amphiboles in which they do not occur in this or some other form. Riebeckite, a form of non-fibrous crocidolite in the Australian "Blue" asbestos deposits, is a common constituent of the quartzite beds in which the asbestos occurs. It is also associated with the newly discovered crocidolite occurrences in New Quebec-Labrador, in Canada.

Grunerite and cummingtonite are frequently found associated with amosite asbestos in the Transvaal, while gedrite, non-tronite, magnesium and magnetite frequently occur in the crocidolite in the Cape field. Quartz and acmite are also associated with the asbestos in some



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The altered forms of these amphibole varieties consist mainly of "golden reef" (otherwise a gold colored silicified form of the fibres) that occur mostly in the amosite lodes. Griqualandite, another yellow colored silicified form, either hard or powdery in texture, is more commonly found replacing the "Blue" asbestos fibres, while the highly silicified form known as "Tigers Eye" occurs mainly in one isolated region of the Cape crocidolite field.

These altered forms ,so common in the crocidolite and amosite varieties, are due directly to chemical changes made up of silicification, hydration and oxidation, plus the effects of deep seated dynamic and thermal action.

The extreme changes brought about in the different varieties of amphibole asbestos, depend a great deal on the make up of the parent rocks, which vary extensively from place to place. Alteration also appears to be due to the presence of soluble minerals as impurities in their composition besides the association of other minerals, unless these have been replaced or chemically affected the asbestos.

The most complex of the amphibole group, in so far as associated minerals are concerned, are the anthophyllite and tremolite varieties. These generally occur in mass-fibre form in amphibolite bodies ,in which there is a complete lack or orientation of the asbestos and the fibres, therefore, are inextriciably mixed with a vast complex of extraneous materials.

In these ore-bodies, mica and talc are usually found as the most common and the most troublesome physical impurities and, unlike the other forms of cross- or slip-fibre structures, they are somewhat difficult to separate and remove.

Other minerals commonly associated with anthophyl lite and tremolite-actinolite series are iron, calcite, chlorite and sphene.

The occurrence occasionally in asbestos rock formations or sometimes in other quite different rock structures of the asbestiform bodies, is the mineral known as




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polygorskite or pilotite. This is but another of the many puzzles of asbestos origin; in this case obviously of freakish genesis.

The isolated and sporadic occurrence of this form of asbestos in various localities, probably accounts for the different names by which it is known, viz: mountain flax, mountain wood, mountain leather or mountain cork. Why the word mountain should precede these various names is unexplained, because the occurrences are not found only in mountainous regions but anywhere and usually in small isolated patches.

The fibres are generally inclined to be rather long and although semi-fibrous in texture, are mostly harsh and brittle, and of no commercial value.

Examples such as this and the many other changed fibrous forms, or the alien minerals often associated with asbestos, together present a tantalizing challenge to the research worked. To resolve the complex problem of the irregular and unpredictable structure of the asbestiform formations is a task that offers maximum scope in variety and interest. The solution of the conundrum will, in general, give the industry enhanced resources of asbestos at a much lower production cost.

(1) "The Anomaly of Slip Fibre" by the Author, "ASBESTOS", Sept. 1954.

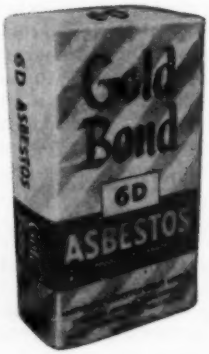
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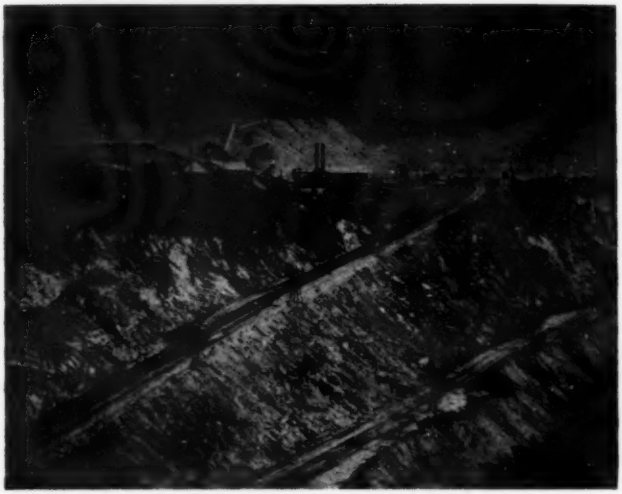
The primary functions of such insulating materials in fire protection are: (1) to contain the heat from flash fires in ducts and other metal equipment; (2) to protect metallic structural members from damage by external fires; (3) to prevent fires caused by the ignition of combustibles in contact with or in the proximity of hot piping and equipment, and (4) the protection of flammable contents of pipes or vessels.

When the fire protection and prevention aspects of insulation are considered, there are two properties of the materials of primary importance. First, they must retain their physical forms and dimensions under exposures to temperatures to be anticipated from fires. Second, they must have the low thermal conductivity and high heat capacity to maintain a surface temperature on the obverse side from the fire that will prevent ignition of adjacent combustibles or protect the insulated metal.

The insulating materials represented by The Magnesia-Silica Insulation Manufacturers Association and on which pertinent data are available are 85% Magnesia, calcium silicate, expanded silica and diatomaceous silica insulations. All of these are inorganic, molded products in block and pipe section form. While there are numerous chemical and physical properties that contribute to the fire protection qualities, one of the most important is the totally inorganic structure. If physical and dimensional stability of an insulation is dependent upon an organic binder or other ingredient that can be destroyed or seriously damaged by the high temperature of a fire, the product is not suitable for fire protection.

On the other hand, it is not necessarily the objective to have insulation emerge from a fire unscathed and un marked. It may be necessary to replace the insulation or repair it after a fire but, if it has served the purpose of preventing a spread of the fire or of protecting structural materials, it has answered the emergency demand.

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Field experiences under actual fire conditions have indicated that these insulating materials will guard against fire damage to structural members and operating equipment. A major chemical plant fire in Pennsylvania was a case in point. Large vessels and related piping in the plant were in part insulated with 2-in. thick 85% Magnesia blocks and pipe sections. Other similar and adjacent equipment was uninsulated. In the hot and lengthy fire which completely enveloped all equipment, the uninsulated equipment was heavily damaged while the insulated units remained intact. The flammable contests of the ruptured vessels added to the conflagration while the contents of the insulated tanks and piping did not ignite. The insulation itself required some minor replacement and repair, particularly of the insulation jackets, but much of it was still intact and useable.

Since insulation is usually applied for fuel conservation under normal operating conditions, it is not practical nor economical to select an insulating material for its fire resistance or protection properties alone. Thus, while diatomaceous silica has a heat resistance under constant exposure of more than three times that of 85%

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Another use of 85% Magnesia was reported recently from Los Angeles. The Carnation Company there elected to fuel its fleet of 250 trucks with LP Gas. The Los Angeles Fire Department requires that any such LP Gas storage tank must have fire protection for any metallic elements in the foundation. The steel skirt of the concrete foundation of this 10,000-gallon water capacity storage tank was covered with 2-in. thick 85% Magnesia blocks, applied as directed by the Fire Department.

With the constanly rising temperatures of power and process operations, the role of insulation in both conserving fuel and protecting against fires is becoming even more vital. Both power plants and process plants are operating at temperatures in excess of 1,000 F. At these and even lower temperatures, the danger of fire from contact of combustibles with such piping and equipment or exposure to radiant heat from these sources is a distinct fire hazard.

At these elevated temperatures, metal must expand. Since insulation expansion is only a fraction of that of metal, insulation joints must open when that expansion occurs. While insulation expansion joints can be installed and usually are at certain intervals on large vessels, ducts, breechings and, occasionally, on long pipe lines,

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Insulation maintenance in process and power plants is important to fire protection. In most such plants, frequent changes are made in pipe lines and equipment. Not infrequently, hot flanges and fittings and even entire pipe lines are left uninsulated after such changes. These are not only fire hazards but hazards to personnel.

*(By Utley W. Smith, Chairman, Engineering and Research Committee, The Magnesia-Silica Insulation Manufacturers Association)*

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**The above comments have been made by various informed executives in the Industry. All comments are welcome.**

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We quote below letter received from one of our readers concerning the article titled "New Trends in Asbestos-Cement Joints for Pipes", published in our June 1958 number:

To the Editor:

We note in the June issue of "ASBESTOS" a very interesting article titled "New Trends in Asbestos-Cement Joints for Pipes" written by Mr. G. Stock, manager of the Asbestos Cement Engineering Co., of Vaduz, Switzerland.

While the article will doubtless be of great interest to those concerned with asbestos-cement pipe, certain inaccuracies appear (occasioned, no doubt, by unintentional transpositions in the preparation of the manuscript) which should be clarified in order that the reader be better oriented with respect to those asbestos-cement pipe couplings manufactured in the United States.

In the eighth paragraph, on Page 24, the joint described is not a FLUID-TITE joint, but rather is the RING-TITE coupling.

On Page 26, in the second paragraph, the terms RING-TITE and FLUID-TITE have been transposed. This same transposition occurs in the sketches accompanying the text; the term RING-TITE should appear under the drawing the third from the left and the term FLUID-TITE, properly should be the caption for the sketch appearing fourth from the left. On the same page, in the third paragraph, the coupling which is referred to as the FLUID-TITE, is actually a RING-TITE coupling.

It might be pertinent to point out that the FLUID-TITE coupling is manufactured by Keasbey & Mattison Company while the RING-TITE is made by Johns-Manville. They are registered trade marks of the two companies.

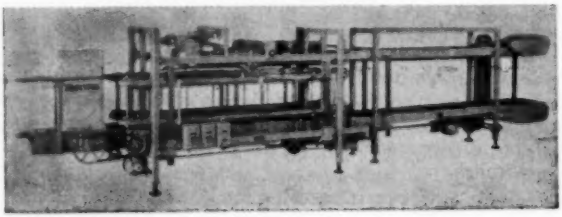
Cordially yours,
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Reprints of the article, "Improving Felt Performance on Asbestos Cement Machines", by Jay Knowles, may be obtained, free of charge, by writing Huyck Felt Co., Division of F. C. Huyck & Sons, Rensselaer, N. Y.

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Application data on Bauer processing equipment for several major industries is available in Bulletin No. 58, a condensed 4-page catalog recently released by The Bauer Bros. Co., 1826 Sheridan Avenue, Springfield, Ohio.

Bauer's specialized laboratory facilities and engineering services are described in the catalog, which also contains data on the following Bauer equipment for pulp, paper and board mills; digesters, Centri-Cleaners, double and single disc refiners, "Pump Through" refiners and Pressafiners.

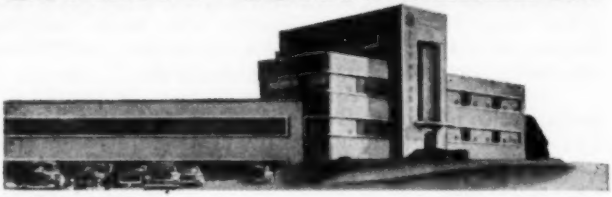
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Prepared by the editors of ARCHITECTURAL RECORD, a professional magazine for architects and engineers, RECORD HOUSES of 1958 presents to the "home-building, home-buying" public a comprehensive view of the best contemporary architect-designed houses, adaptable to average sites, ranging in price from $16,000 to over $100,000.

In the "peaceful privacy" homes in RECORD HOUSES of 1958 two designs predominate. One features houses built around a court or several courts and is referred to as "The Court Yard Concept". The second style is the pavilion type house, often placed in a high-walled garden. Both types provide for "zoned living"—separation of living and sleeping areas—and flexibility.

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## BUILDING

Construction contracts in the United States in May totalled $3,402,575,000, the highest figure ever reported for any single month, according to F. W. Dodge Corporation.

The May total was only a small fraction of one per cent above the previous record set in May, 1957, but it exceeded the third highest month (June, 1957) by 5 per cent.

Commenting on these new figures, Thomas S. Holden, Dodge vice chairman, said it was now evident that "construction is well past the bottom of the relatively mild recession it was experiencing in late 1957 and early 1958."

According to Mr. Holden, "the effects of the recession on construction as a whole were at no point as severe as in other important sectors of business activity, although it is true that some types of construction suffered more than others. As in the earlier postwar recessions, construction has remained relatively steady, and has helped to cushion the downward push on the economy. Now that construction is turning upward, other industries should also be stimulated."

The May construction contract total for non-residential building was reported by Dodge as $1,124,087,000, up a fraction of one per cent from May, 1957. Contracts for commercial buildings and factory buildings were down sharply, and educational buildings were off slightly, but other non-residential building types increased.

Contracts for residential buildings in May totalled $1,346,170,000, an increase of 4 per cent over May, 1957. The number of dwelling units covered by the May contracts was 104,048, the highest monthly total in two years and 2 per cent above May, 1957. The number of single family units was one per cent ahead of May, 1957, and the number of units in apartment buildings was up 14 per cent.

Heavy engineering contracts in May were $932,318,000, down 5 per cent from the same month of last year. Public utility contracts were down 33 per cent, but this was partially offset by a 9 per cent increase in public works contracts.

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The American Society for Testing Materials announces the publication of its 1957 ASTM Proceedings, Volume 57. The 1430-page volume, recording the technical accomplishments of the year, includes reports and papers together with discussion offered to the Society during the year and accepted for the Proceedings. The volume includes the Summary of Proceedings of the ASTM 60th Annual Meeting and the Summary of Proceedings of the Philadelphia Spring Meeting, listing by title and author the programs for each session.

It should be emphasized that in addition to the reports and technical papers, many of which have been given at the national meetings and some of which have been preprinted, the Proceedings contains much discus sion not previously published.

Copies of the Proceedings may be obtained from the American Society for Testing Materials, 1916 Race Street, Philadelphia 3, Pa., at $12.00.

## "ASBESTOS . . . THE MAGIC MINERAL"

On the occasion of its 100th Anniversary the Johns-Manville Co. has published a very attractive brochure — "Asbestos . . . The Magic Mineral".

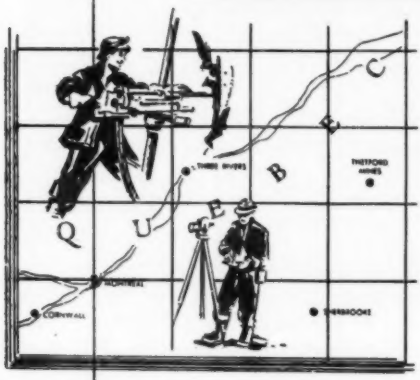
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| | April 1958 |
|---|---|
| Passenger Cars | 322,482 |
| Motor Trucks | 73,886 |
| Motor Coaches | 344 |
| | 396,712 |

In April 19557, a total of 648,514 motor vehicles were sold. In the four months of 1958 the total was 1,856,289.

These figures were supplied by the Automobile Manufacturers Association, New Center Building, Detroit, Michigan.

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Because of the increasing costs of publishing "ASBESTOS" we find it necessary to increase our subscription rates, effective September 15, 1958. The new rates will be $3.00 in the United States and $4.00 in other countries.

We would like to point out that this is the first increase in subscription rates since 1925. Over the years we have used every means at our command to operate in such a manner that the original rates could be maintained. Now, however, we have reached a point where only through a substantial increase can we continue giving our readers the editorial content and the unique extra services we have so long tries to provide. We sincerely hope that our loyal readers and long time friends will appreciate the causes, beyond our control, which make this increase necessary.

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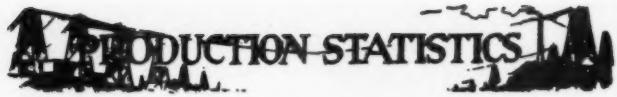
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| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Production for April 1958 (Quebec) | 79,557 | tons |
| Other Provinces | 3,920 | |
| | 83,477 | |

Total production for April 1957 was 107,266 tons.

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| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Production for February 1958 | 10,093.07 | tons |
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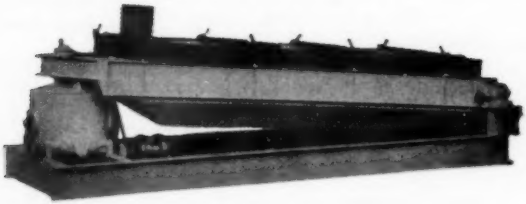
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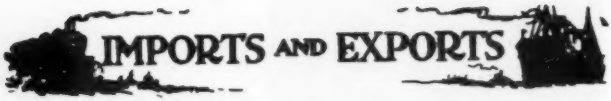
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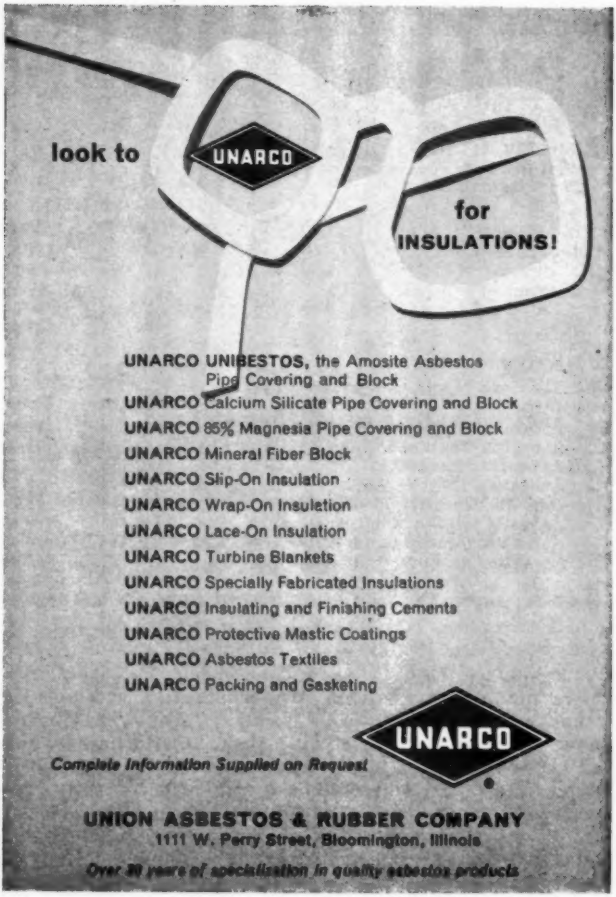

## Imports Into U. S. A.

**(Figures by Bureau of Census)**

| | February 1958 Tons (2240 lbs.) |
|---|---|
| *Unmanufactured Asbestos:* | |
| From: Canada | 38,136 |
| Union of South Africa | 1,954 |
| Australia | 370 |
| Rhodesia (Ny) | 890 |
| Other Countries | 44 |
| | 41,394 |
| Valued at | $4,170,653 |
| *By Grades:* | |
| Crude No. 1, Chrysotile, Rhodesia (Ny) | 22 |
| Crude No. 1, Chrysotile, Other Ctys. | 2 |
| Crude No. 2, Chrysotile, Canada | 18 |
| Crude No. 2, Chrysotile, Rhodesia (Ny) | 22 |
| Crude, Other, Chrysotile, U. of S. Africa | 202 |
| Crude, Other, Chrysotile, Rhodesia (Ny) | 846 |
| Crude, Other, Chrysotile, Other Ctys. | 4 |
| Crude, Blue, Australia | 370 |
| Crude, Blue, U. of S. Africa | 967 |
| Crude, Amosite, U. of S. Africa | 785 |
| Textile Fibres, Chrysotile, Canada | 1,237 |
| Textile Fibres, Chrysotile, Other Ctys. | 38 |
| Shingle Fibres, Chrysotile, Canada | 3,420 |
| Paper Fibres, Chrysotile, Canada | 3,210 |
| Other Fibres, Chrysotile, Canada | 30,251 |
| | 41,394 |

*Manufactured Asbestos Goods:*

| | February 1958 Quantity (lbs.) | Value |
|---|---|---|
| Asbestos Yarn, United Kingdom | 20,662 | $14,478 |
| Other Countries | 508 | 430 |
| Asbestos Packing & Lining | 7,515 | 4,103 |
| Asbestos Shingles (Impreg.) | 8,896 | 1,720 |
| Abesbtos Shingles (Not Impreg.) Belgium | 379.476 | 25,876 |


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|---|---|---|
| Italy | 288,157 | 11,550 |
| Other Countries | 94,247 | 789 |
| Asbestos Manufactures—Others | ..... | 717 |
| .... | 799,421 | $59,663 |

## Exports from U. S. A.

**(Figures by Bureau of Census)**

*Unmanufacured Asbestos:*

| | March 1958 | |
|---|---|---|
| | Tons (2240 lbs.) | Value |
| To: Europe | 109 | $11,537 |
| Mexico | 39 | 5,289 |
| Other Countries | 118 | 16,936 |
| | 266 | $33,753 |

*Manufactured Asbestos Goods:*

| | March 1958 | |
|---|---|---|
| | Quantity | Value |
| Asbestos Cement & Pipe Covering Lbs. | 668,354 | $ 112,128 |
| Asbestos Textile & Yarn ..... Lbs. | 61,514 | 71,622 |
| Asbestos Packings ..... Lbs. | 182,735 | 208,827 |
| Asbestos Clutch Facings ..... No. | 101,074 | 80,275 |
| Asb. Bk. Lng. (Mld. & S. Mld.) Lin. Ft. | 177,726 | 62,149 |
| Asbestos Brake Lining, Other .... Lbs | 483,504 | 439,130 |
| Asbestos Construction Materials Lbs. | 1,945,626 | 206,713 |
| Asbestos Manufactures — Others ..... | ..... | 55,436 |
| | | $1,235,280 |

Pipe-line repair men are constantly watching for "holidays" — pin holes or breaks in line wrappings. A new, efficient way of patching them is with narrow rolls of oil based polyethylene tape which can be applied by hand. First, a crewman cuts away the asbestos outer pipe wrapping. Then he applies strips of the adhesive plastic where needed. Advantage of the new tape is that it doesn't have to set; the pipe can be lowered into the ground right after wrapping. Competing transportation companies are always on the lookout for new methods like this to improve their operations, reduce costs, and pass the savings along to consumers.

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## Exports from Canada

**(Published by Dominion Bureau of Statistics**

*Unmanufactured Asbestos:*

| | March 1958 Tons (2000 lbs.) | Value |
|---|---|---|
| *Crude* | | |
| United States | 13 | $ 12,109 |
| United Kingdom | .... | ..... |
| South America | .... | ..... |
| Central America & Mexico | .... | ..... |
| European Countries | .... | ..... |
| Other Countries | 12 | 1,520 |
| | 15 | $ 13,629 |
| *Milled* | | |
| United States | 9,880 | $2,059,564 |
| United Kingdom | 1,518 | 433,892 |
| South America | 318 | 47,548 |
| Central America & Mexico | 100 | 18,935 |
| European Countries | 917 | 248,427 |
| Other Countries | 2,121 | 440,037 |
| | 15,204 | $3,309,383 |
| *Shorts* | | |
| United States | 37,647 | $1,931,956 |
| United Kingdom | 1,460 | 60,991 |
| South America | 338 | 20,223 |
| Central America & Mexico | 117 | 5,445 |
| European Countries | 194 | 14,806 |
| Other Countries | 184 | 13,048 |
| | 39,940 | $2,045,479 |
| *Grand Total — Unmanufactured Asbestos:* | 55,157 | $5,368,491 |

*Manufactured Asbestos Goods:*

| | |
|---|---|
| Brake Lining | 51,033 |
| Packing | ..... |
| Other Materials | 9,752 |
| | $60,785 |


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# NEWS OF THE INDUSTRY

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Thomas L. Gatke, President, Gatke Corporation, Chicago, Ill., July 16.

L. U. Noland, Chairman of the Board, Noland Co., Inc., Newport News, Va., July 17.

Robert H. Porter, President, Keasbey & Mattison Co., Ambler, Pa., July 17.

G. F. Bahrs, Vice President & Treasurer, The Ruberoid Co., New York City, July 18.

J. F. D. Rohrbach, President, Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc., Passaic, N. J., July 18.

R. F. Turner, Sales Promotion Manager, The Philip Carey Mfg. Co., Cincinnati, Ohio, July 18.

C. B. Whitley, Secretary, Scandinavia Belting Co., Charlotte, N. C., July 20.

C. J. Backstrand, President, Armstrong Cork Co., Lancaster, Pa., July 21.

R. S. King, Chairman of the Board, The Philip Carey Mfg. Company, July 21.

W. S. Simpson, Director & Secretary, Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc., Bridgeport, Conn., July 21.

R. R. Galloway, Vice President, Fibreboard Paper Products Corp., San Francisco, Calif., July 22.

J. E. Hooker, Pacific Roofing Co., Portland, Oregon, July 22.

Roscoe E. Tallman, Director of Board, Tallman McCluskey Fabric Co., Kirkwood, Mo., July 22.

Charles A. Saitta, President, Asbestos Corporation of America, New York City, July 23.

C. R. Hubbard, Vice President, Garlock Packing Co., Palmyra, N. Y., July 25.

Hilton A. Moberg, President, Arnold Insulations, Inc., Chicago, Ill., July 25.

Frank C. LeRow, Executive Vice President, Asbestos, Asphalt & Insulations, Inc., Chicago, Ill., July 26.

R. S. Hammond, General Sales Mgr., Building Products Division, Johns-Manville Corporation, New York City, July 27.

John Ozurovich, President, Atlantic Asbestos Corporation, New York City, July 31.

Harry H. Heckroth, Vice President, Penn Supply & Metal Corporation, Philadelphia, Pa., August 2.

C. W. Gregg, Treasurer & Director, The Flintkote Co., New York City, August 3.

G. P. Reilly, Plant Manager, Smith Asbestos Products, Inc., Millington, N. J., August 5.

A. P. Keasbey, President, Robert A. Keasbey Co., New York City, August 6.

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John Dragisic, President, Inland Insulation Co., Chicago, Ill., August 9.

Grant V. Wilson, President, Grant Wilson, Inc., Chicago, Ill., August 11.

Matthew L. Ladden, President, Ladden Asbestos Corporation of N. J., Irvington, N. J., August 15.

To all these gentlemen we extend congratulations and best wishes on the occasion of their birthdays.

**UNITED STATES RUBBER CO.**

**New Appointments**

United States Rubber Co. has appointed three assistant directors of research and development to streamline its research activities and speed new developments from the laboratory to the production plant.

*Dr. Arthur E. Brooks* will now direct all research on materials, *T. J. Rhodes* will head up all engineering research and *Dr. D. Lorin Schoene* will direct liaison between the research and development department and the manufacturing divisions.

Dr. Brooks, who obtained his doctorate degree in physical chemistry became a research chemist in the company's general laboratories in 1929. He was appointed manager of the general laboratories in 1950, and was named manager of the company's new Research Center in Wayne, N. J., when it was opened last year.

Mr. Rhodes joined the company in 1942 as process engineer of a munitions plant it was operating in Des Moines, Iowa. He was assigned to the general laboratories in 1944 as a development engineer, and was named associate manager of its engineering department the following year. Since 1953 he has been manager of the Mechanical Engineering Research Department.

Dr. Schoene was appointed a research chemist in the company's general laboratories in 1939. He spent three years in the Far East as a chemist on the company's rubber plantations, and in 1942 was assigned to the Naugatuck Chemical division. In 1953 he became assistant director of research and development for the chemical division, and in 1957 was appointed director.

**FIBREBOARD PAPER PRODUCTS CORPORATION**

Appointment of *J. C. Croudace* as plant manager, Portland Roofing Plant of the "Pabco" Building Materials Division of Fibreboard Paper Products Corporation has been announced.

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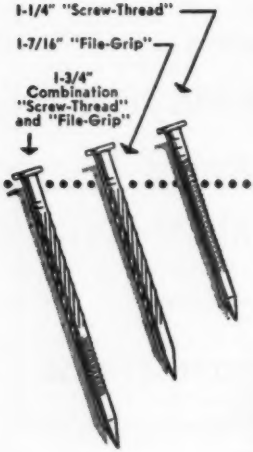
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**Changes in Personnel**

*W. R. Wilkinson*, a senior Vice President of Johns-Manville Corporation, became General Manager of the company's Building Products Division in an executive realignment designed to meet "new and challenging problems" in the building industry.

Mr. Wilkinson will be succeeded in his former post of Vice President, for Sales by *J. A. O'Brien*, another senior Vice Presi- of J-M, who has been Vice President for the companys Industrial Products Divisions since 1955. Mr. Wilkinson fills a vacancy created some time ago by retirement for ill health of Harold R. Berlin.

He is a veteran of 33 years service with Johns-Manville, 25 years of which have been in sales and merchandising management.

Mr. O'Brien began his career with Johns-Manville in 1915 and for the past 43 years has served in many important phases of Johns-Manville management with emphasis on sales, production and sales promotion. He was General Manager of the Industrial Products Division until 1955 when this division was split into three separate Divisions, each headed by its own General Manager. Mr. OBrien continued as executive head of the three industrial divisions until his election as Vice President for Sales.

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**THE RUBEROID CO.**

**Changes In Personnel**

The Ruberoid Co. has announced three promotions in the company's sales organization.

*W. G. Neel*, sales manager of the Denver, Colorado district, became manager of Ruberoid's asbestos fibre division on July 1. He will make his headquarters in New York City. He joined Ruberoid in 1954 as special assistant to the vice president in charge of sales, was made Salt Lake City district sales manager the same year and took over the combined Denver-Salt Lake City district in 1957.

*James C. Murphy*, assistant sales manager of the Dallas, Texas district, became sales manager at Denver. He became assistant sales manager at Dallas in 1955, and has been a member of the Ruberoid Sales organization since 1951.

*Frank J. Schmitt*, Jr., sales representative at Oklahoma City has been made assistant sales manager at Dallas. He joined Ruberoid in 1929 as a planning clerk. He became office manager of the company's St. Louis plant in 1935 and worked as assistant to the general superintendent from 1943 to 1947 when he became a sales representative in Oklahoma.


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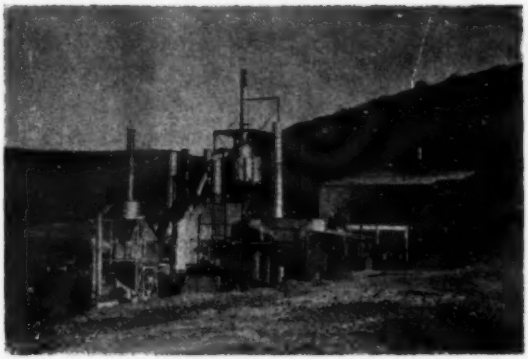
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**Annual Meeting**

The Sixty-fifth Annual General Meeting of The Cape Asbestos Company Limited was held on June 12th, 1958 and reports and balance sheets as of December 31, 1957 were submitted.

The net profit of the Group after all charges except taxation, amounted to £1,421,021 against £1,154,595 last year, and enabled the Board to recommend the payment of a final dividend of 12½% which, with the interim of 5% declared last December, makes a total distribution of 17½% as compared with 15% in the previous year.

In the United States, the North American Asbestos Corporation increased its level of business and maintained a satisfactory profit margin. During the year its capital was increased from 1,000 dollars to 100,000 dollars by utilizing reserves derived from earnings. A considerable effort is being made to expand sales of ASBESTOLUX in the United States, involving a relatively costly sales promotion program, part of which has been borne in 1957, and it is hoped that results will be reflected in 1958 and 1959.

Cape Asbestos (Canada) Ltd. was less successful, due to the trade setback and severe competition in Canada. The manufacturing offshoot, owned jointly with Holmes Foundry Ltd. had a profitable year.

At home, Cape Building Products Ltd. had done well with its range of flint bricks, ASBESTOLUX ROCKSIL and other products and had increased both its volume of business and profit.

**MINING JOURNAL ANNUAL REVIEW NUMBER**

The annual review number of the Mining Journal published in London (15 Wilson Street, Moorgate, London, E.C. 2) was issued recently and contains over 300 pages. Many special contributed articles, reporting on the mining industry throughout the world during 1956 are among its contents. The contents can be roughly grouped as Metals, Mining and Metallurgical Developments, The World's Mining Fields, and Progress During the Year, covering the various mining fields.

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At a ceremony at the plant, *Edward M. Railton* of Chicago, vice president, presented the plaque to plant superintendent, *A. A. Maxwell*, who accepted it on behalf of the entire organization.

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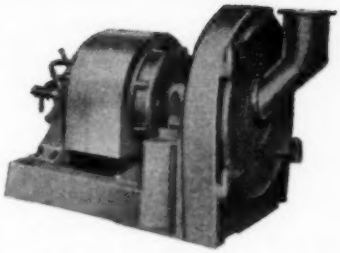
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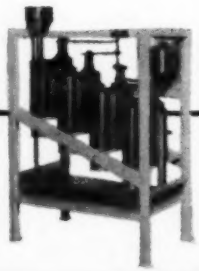
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*Arthur W. Knight*, recently retired from Johns-Manville Corporation, after serving 43 years as Regional Sales Manager of the Pacific Region of the Industrial Insulation Division, is now associated with the Thorpe Insulation Company of Los Angeles.

# ASBESTOS STOCK QUOTATIONS

(These figures are compiled from the Commercial & Financial Chronicle. No guarantee as to their correctness.)

| | | June 1958 | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Par | Low | High | Last |
| Amer. Br. Shoe (Com) | np | 34⅞ | 38½ | 37½ |
| Amer. Br. Shoe (Pfd) | 100 | .... | .... | .... |
| Armst. Ck. (Com) | 1 | 24¾ | 27⅜ | 27¼ |
| Armst. Ck. (Pfd) | np | 87 | 90 | 89¼ |
| Asbestos Corp. (Com) | np | 29½ | 31 | 30 |
| Carey (Com) | 10 | 25¼ | 26¾ | 26¼ |
| Cassiar Asb. Corp. | np | $7.60 | $7.90 | $7.90 |
| Celotex (Com) | 1 | 27 | 29¾ | 29½ |
| Celotex (Pfd) | 20 | 19⅜ | 19⅞ | 19¾ |
| Certainteed (Com) | 1 | 9⅜ | 10⅝ | 10½ |
| Fibreboard Paper Prod. (Com) | np | 26⅝ | 28 | 27⅝ |
| Fibreboard Paper Prod. (Pfd) | 100 | 99 | 100½ | 100½ |
| Flintkote (Com) | 5 | 41⅛ | 43⅞ | 41⅞ |
| Flintkote (Pfd) | np | 91 | 94 | 91 |
| Johns-Manville (Com) | 5 | 37¼ | 38⅞ | 38⅛ |
| Natl. Gypsum (Com) | 1 | 46½ | 47⅞ | 47⅜ |
| Natl. Gypsum (Pfd) | np | 98½ | 100 | 97 |
| Ray-Man (Com) | 1 | 49 | 50½ | 50¼ |
| Ruberoid (Com) | 1 | 34⅛ | 35⅞ | 34⅝ |
| Thermoid (Com) | 1 | 10¾ | 11¼ | 10⅞ |
| Thermoid (Pfd) | 50 | 45½ | 46½ | 46½ |
| Union Asb. & Rub. (Com) | 5 | 8¼ | 9¾ | 9¾ |
| United Asb. (Com) | 1 | $6.50 | $7.50 | $6.90 |
| U.S. Gypsum (Com) | 4 | 75⅝ | 79 | 78 |
| U.S. Gypsum (Pfd) | 100 | 168 | 169½ | 169½ |
| U.S. Rubber (Com) | 5 | 32¾ | 34⅝ | 34¼ |
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It contains salient statistics of the Asbestos Industry in the United States, including a table of World Production of Asbestos, (by countries) 1951 to 1956 inclusive.

Other information on the Asbestos Industry in 1956 which the pamphlet contains will, no doubt, be of interest to our readers.

**BELL'S ASBESTOS & ENGINEERING**

The annual meeting of Bell's Asbestos and Engineering (Holdings) Limited was held on June 10 at Slough.

The Group's Net Profit before taxation is £603,750 against £685,024 and £15,968 more than the average for the five years 1952 to 1956 inclusive.

Just as the original "parent company" Bell's Asbestos and Engineering has been described as the backbone of the business at home so of their Overseas Subsidiaries those in Australia and South Africa, both of which have celebrated their Diamond Jubilees, stand as the bulwarks of their enterprises beyond the seas.

**BAUER BROS. CO. NOW REPRESENTED IN MEMPHIS**

*Herman Fryer*, southern division sales representative for The Bauer Bros. Co. of Springfield, Ohio, has moved to 1675 Peach Street, Memphis, Tenn.

Formerly located in Fort Worth, Texas, Mr. Fryer has been transferred to Memphis because of a recent revision in sales territories by The Bauer Bros. Co. He will handle machinery sales for the milling, oil milling and food industries. He will work closely with Bauer's district office at Jacksonville, Florida, servicing all accounts in the Delta area and providing temporary management in the Texas territory.

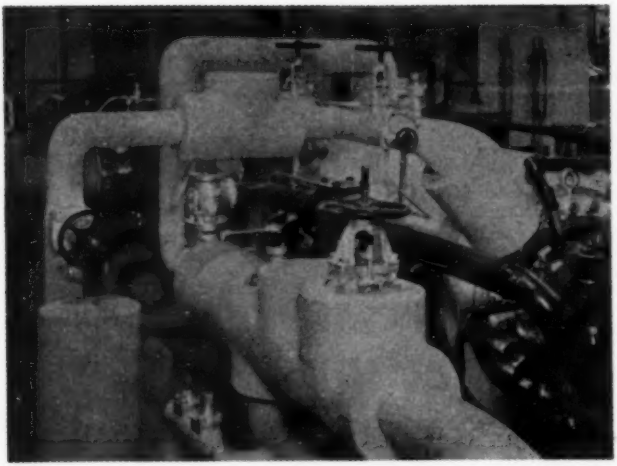

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# PATENTS

Abstracts of U. S. Patents on Asbestos and Asbestos Products by Oliver S. North.

Copies of patents can be obtained by sending 25 cents (in coin) to the Commissioner of Patents, Washington, 25, D. C. giving the patent number, date it was issued, name of patentee and name of invention.

**Method and Apparatus for Forming Calcium Silicate Products,** No. 2,836,848. Granted on June 3, 1958 to H. F. Zink, W. C. Taylor and C. D. Pawlicki (assignors to Owens-Illinois Glass Co., a corporation of Ohio). Improved mechanism and method for manufacturing molded calcium silicate products, for example insulating pipe covering, from a slurry of lime, silica, asbestos fibre and water. Water to solids ratio may be within the range 3:4 to 7:1, by weight. Each mold has its own individual indurator, with individual control therefor.

**Indicator For Water Content of Liquids,** No. 2,836,974. Granted on June 3, 1958 to W. O. Krause (assignor to Ansul Chemical Co., Marinette, Wisc.). Method for using a mat of inert materials, for example asbestos fibre, in the determination of excess water in halogenated refrigerants, oils, gasoline, etc. The asbestos fibre mat is saturated with a liquid of low water solubility and then anhydrous cobaltous bromide is dispersed through the soaked mat.

**Mixture of Vinyl Resin, Aromatic Acid, and Asbestos Containing Iron Oxide,** No. 2,837,490. Granted on June 3, 1958 to A. C. Hecker (assignor to Argus Chemical Laboratory, Inc., a corporation of N. Y.). A composition useful for the manufacture of floor tile comprises polyvinyl chloride resin, a resin stabilizer, Iron-containing chrysotile asbestos fibre, and fillers or other additives as needed. The asbestos should not be acid washed or otherwise treated to remove its original iron content.

**Protective Coating Composition,** No. 2,838,414. Granted on June 10, 1958 to Claude J. Dunphy and Clinton J. Dunphy. A durable, non-cracking and economical thick paint for application over metal or wood roofs comprises thinned coal tar, powdered aluminum, ground asbestos, gypsum and lead oxide. Asbestos co-operates with the tar and powdered aluminum to prevent sagging of the finished roofing coating in hot weather.

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**Electrostatic Separation Method,** No. 2,839,189. Granted on June 17, 1958 to H. B. Johnson (assignor to Quaker Oats Co., Chicago, Ill.). Improved method for recovering asbestos from its ores by simultaneous application of electrostatic and pneumatic forces. Fibre bundles are opened up and the fibre recovered in undamaged state by this method. Efficiency of the process is not adversely affected by atmospheric changes.

**GEORGE J. PECARO, PRESIDENT OF FLINTKOTE ADDRESSES N. Y. SOCIETY OF SECURITY ANALYSTS**

The Flintkote Company "anticipates earning its dividends" in the second quarter this year as the company's building materials lines are showing "a drastic increase" in volume, *George J. Pecaro*, president said before a meeting of the New York Society of Security Analysts.

Stating that Flintkote is "still optimistic" for the full year's results, Mr. Pecaro also revealed the acquisition through an exchange of common stock of The Utah Lime and Stone Company. Terms of the acquisition call for Flintkote to issue 19,125 additional common shares in exchange for all of the outstanding Utah Lime stock.

In the first quarter this year Flintkote sustained a net loss of $151,435 compared with net income of $973,104 in the corresponding period last year. Net sales for the first quarter, affected by "a combination of short term factors", declined 11.3 per cent from a year ago to $22,506,159.

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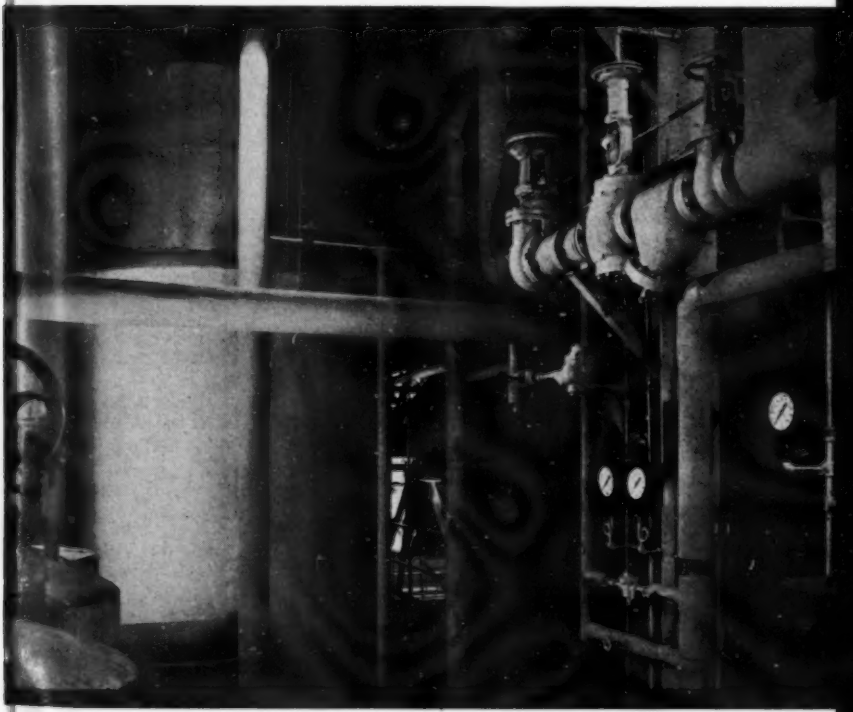
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